

# Border Eagle

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Together we 'XL'



## Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin

### Pilot Awards

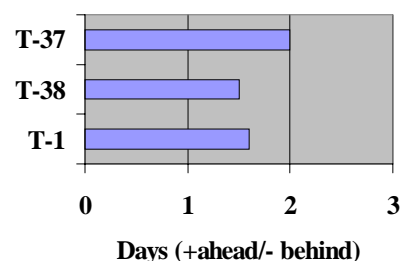
During each Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class graduation, students who excelled in one or more phases of training are recognized for their achievements. Each phase of training is carefully weighed, and usually, only a slight margin separates the top performers. The graduate award winners for SUPT Class 00-06 were as follows:

**1st Lt. Kandi A. Chapman:** Daedalian Award, Flying Training Award, Distinguished Graduate, AETC Commander Trophy.  
**2nd Lt. Joshua D. Soule:** Academic Award  
**2nd Lt. Tyler E. Lewis:** Academic Award  
**2nd Lt. Curtis D. Grayson:** Flying Training Award, Distinguished Graduate, AETC Commander Trophy.  
**2nd Lt. Christopher S. Caldwell:** Distinguished Graduate  
**Capt. Michael J. May:** Outstanding Officer

### Mission status

(As of March 22)

#### Student Timeline



Sorties flown in FY 00:  
30,115

Hours flown in FY 00:  
44,975

Pilot wings earned in FY 00:  
149

Pilot wings earned since 1963:  
11,795

## Yearly inspections ensure base compliance with government, Air Force environmental standards

By Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

Public Affairs

The 47th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental section is currently conducting an inspection to make sure that Laughlin is complying with the Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program.

All Air Force bases must follow stringent guidelines for environmental protection and pollution control set by state, federal, Department of Defense and Air Force regulations. "ECAMP is a yearly inspection that helps the base commander assess environmental standards on base," said 2nd Lt. Nathan Fannesbeck, 47th CES. Every other year an AETC team performs an external inspection.

"Internal and external inspections give the base an opportunity to detect and correct violations before they are identified by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission," the lieutenant noted. "If TNRCC issues a notice of violation for non-compliance, it can cost the installation up to \$10,000 a day in fines, until the violation is corrected." TNRCC regularly inspects the base about every six months; however, the base also is subject to no-notice inspections.

The overall effect of the base and command inspection is to reduce the number of environmental regulatory deficiencies and, correspondingly, the number of enforcement actions from regulatory agencies. The management action plan is then developed to prioritize corrective actions based on the issues identified.

"Last year only 32 NOVs were issued Air Force-wide," said Fannesbeck. "Laughlin received a NOV for emissions from the vehicle maintenance vertical stack which was quickly replaced. By correcting violations quickly, usually within 10 days, we build good relations and inspectors won't issue a NOV."

The primary objectives of ECAMP are to improve Air Force



Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

David Olsen, 47th CES, ECAMP inspector, observes as Albert Paine, EAST Inc., replaces an air filter in the bases vehicle paint booth.

environmental compliance and management worldwide, and to build financial programs and budgets supporting environmental

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## Memorial to honor past, present, future airmen

By Senior Airman A.J. Bosker

Air Force Print News

Air Force leaders told participants at an Air Force Memorial dinner March 15 that a national memorial to our Air Force men and women — past, present and future — located in our nation's capitol, is long overdue.

"The Air Force Memorial will be a powerful symbol and compelling confirmation of the greatness and glory that is our Air Force — an Air Force whose accomplishments are the summation of the great efforts of all the men and women who have served in the past, present and future," said Undersecretary

of the Air Force Carol DiBattiste.

"The (Air Force) Memorial will be about people," Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan said.

"(The Air Force Memorial) is a fitting tribute to the sacrifices made by airmen throughout history," Ryan said. "It is also

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### Retreat ceremony...

Lt. Col. Lenny Jankowski describes a retreat ceremony and what it should mean to us all.

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# Commander

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## Retreat reminds military members of those who came before

By Lt. Col.  
**Lenny Jankowski**  
47th Operations Support  
Squadron commander

I attended a Student Undergraduate Pilot Training retreat ceremony March 16. I stood with the public and watched as the parents and Americans looked at us, the strongest military in the world, with pride.

I stood tall as Laughlin's T-38s flew overhead in a picture perfect formation. The roar of pure power rumbled in my heart as the sound of freedom raced across the sky. I recalled the sacrifices that our families, friends and fellow air warriors have made. Clearly, the efforts of Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, Carl Spaatz, Billy Mitchell and

even my Laughlin SUPT classmate Cliff Massengale – who died in a foreign land employing his F-111 – were not in vain.

We saluted as the top-notch Laughlin Honor Guard gracefully lowered our American flag and bestowed the appropriate honors. We noticed that the busy airfield slowed to a halt and even the cars along the road pulled to a stop.

We then listened as Capt. Jason Forest, 47th Flying Training Wing, read the following:

We pause now to lay our flag to rest with dignity, honor and reverence. We close our day in thankful tribute to the standard of freedom; the swaddling clothes of democracy; the symbol of hope

around the world.

■ Its 50 stars highlight the equality of all Americans - all states united under one nation.

■ A faultless field of blue is the stamp of our loyalty, the union that overrides all differences.

*Each young officer – a fledgling pilot, but sparkling – is rich with promise and on the road to accomplishing feats we haven't dreamed about.*

■ Seven red stripes remember the blood of those who died to protect our ideals and the courage of those who stand ever ready to defend them.

■ Six bands of white speak of the purity of vision, and the impartial justice we seek to uphold.

We do not salute our flag as a symbol of our government. We do not honor it as a representative of a leader. We do not embrace it as the embodiment of an ideal-

ogy. It represents instead the imagination which forged a new world, the faith and courage which has placed government in the hands of the people, the will to vanquish injustice, the freedom to pursue dreams and the promise of a better world for all. Our flag is the emblem of all these things. As day recedes, we now lay the emblem to rest, but the dreams, ideals, and values for which it stands will never rest.

The young officers who earned their silver wings were dismissed and congratulated by the leaders of today. Each young officer – a fledgling pilot, but sparkling – is rich with promise and on the road to accomplishing feats we haven't dreamed about.

Smiling, my son and I walked away. The retreat ceremony is more than part of our heritage. It reminds us of who we are and why we're in the U.S. military.

## People first: CSAF's reading program features enlisted pilots

The Chief of Staff's reading program, which began in 1997, is designed to promote personal professional development for all Air Force members, civilian and military. The program aims to instill both a deeper sense of pride in our rich heritage and a stronger understanding of our role in meeting our nation's security objectives. Each quarter, one of the books from the CSAF's Reading List is spotlighted as the book of the quarter. Air Force members of all ranks and grades are encouraged to read the featured title, which is available in all Air Force libraries.

"It is not the policy of the War Department to train

enlisted men in flying aeroplanes." This quarter's featured book is "They Also Flew: The Enlisted Pilot Legacy, 1912-1942," by Lee Arbon. Arbon traces the history and achievements of enlisted aviators from their earliest days in flight through 1942. From the start, these "sergeant pilots" struggled to earn their wings in a military organization that traditionally reserved pilot positions for commissioned officers.

Arbon argues that enlisted personnel were allowed to earn their wings to offset a shortage of officers entering the Signal Corps Aeronautical Division and later the

Army Air Corps. They filled in the gaps when and where they were needed. They flew fighters, bombers, transports, and trainers during wartime, and some paid the ultimate price for their service. Between the wars, they were involved in airmail operations, aviation races, weather data flights, aerial acrobatic contests, and forest fire patrols. Many became instructor pilots and flight test pilots.

As World War II approached, pilot training resumed for new enlisted personnel as the demand for pilots was

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### Actionline

Call 298-5351

confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

*Winfield W. Scott III*

**Col. Winfield W. Scott III**

47th Flying Training Wing commander



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**C**all: I'm a civil service employee and have been at Laughlin seven years. Someone broke down on base recently and I stopped to get \$5 in gas to help them out. When I paid, the AAFES clerk told me I was not autho-

rized to buy gas at the base service station with my civil service identification card. I would just like to comment this should be permitted since there are no savings at the AAFES station from downtown stations. It would provide a real convenience to all base employees, so

whoever made this policy should look at it again.

**R**esponse: Laughlin Air Force Base and AAFES must follow guidelines set forth by Congress and the Air Force. AFJI 34-210, Exchange Policies, covers

civilian use of exchange facilities; civilian employees may only purchase consumable items from AAFES facilities. Gasoline is not considered a consumable item. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you for your comment.

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***"Excellence –  
not our goal, but  
our standard."***  
– 47 FTW motto

## Safety Stats

As of March 20, 2000  
(Fiscal Year)

	'00	Total '99
On-duty mishaps	2	5
Off-duty mishaps	1	12
Traffic mishaps	0	2
Sports & Rec mishaps	1	6
Fatalities	0	0

# Air Force enlisted retention rates rising

As Air Force leaders continue to focus on people and readiness concerns, their efforts may be paying off, as the latest retention rates indicate a positive trend in March.

"The first- and second-term retention rates for January and February are up compared to this time last year, and we are encouraged by this positive sign for retention gains," said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of retention policy, Personnel.

Compared to this time last year, she said the first-term rate for February was 59 percent, up from 46 percent, and 74 percent vs. 73 percent for second-term airmen. For career airmen, the retention rate remained steady at 91 percent.

The upward turn is good news, especially compared to the reenlistment rates the service experienced in fiscal 1999,

Middleton said, when all three categories fell below their reenlistment goals.

To date, cumulative first and second term reenlistment rates are 52 percent and 70 percent vs. FY99 rates of 49 percent and 69 percent, for first and second-term airmen, respectively.

"We are pleased with the numbers we're seeing and are cautiously optimistic that this positive trend will continue," said

Carol DiBattiste, undersecretary of the Air Force.

Air Force officials said the upward trend may be credited to the pay and compensation initiatives passed this fiscal year as well as the service's continued emphasis on stabilizing operating tempo and im-

proving quality of life for its people and their families.

"We have launched many initiatives and personnel programs, such as the expeditionary aerospace force concept (which brings

predictability and stability for people and their families), increased enlisted promotion rates, and expanded selective reenlistment bonus program," Middleton said.

Additionally, the service has also addressed the operations tempo by calling for a reduction in exercises and inspections, and post-deployment stand-down programs to allow service members time to get reacquainted with their families.

The undersecretary said "although the latest rates are encouraging, Air Force officials will continue to focus on readiness and people concerns. This is just an encouraging first sign, and we still have a long way to go before we can declare victory in the retention arena."

"The warning light came on," Middleton said, "and we have seen it. We remain concerned in retaining our first and second term airmen, who represent our fully trained airmen and mid-career NCOs."

We're watching this very closely, said DiBattiste. "Retention is one of the Air Force's top priorities. We will continue to work hard at improving pay and compensation, enhancing quality of life programs and furthering our efforts to stabilize operations tempo."

(Courtesy AFPN)

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**–Carol DiBattiste  
Undersecretary of the Air Force**

# V-22 Osprey, Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicle No. 1 resume operations flight testing

**By Sue Baker**

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and

**Tech Sgt. Darlene Foote**

*58th Special Operations Wing  
Public Affairs*

The Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicle No. 1 and the V-22 Osprey recently began operational active flight-testing at Wright-Patterson and Kirtland Air Force Bases respectively.

Both aircraft are considered to be cutting-edge and "the future of Air Force

Special Operations."

Following a mishap in December last year, the Global Hawk was grounded pending an investigation. The Air Force Flight Test Center safety review board has only recently reinstated its flight certification.

"After close to a three-month delay, we've resumed an aggressive flight test schedule for Global Hawk," said Lt. Col. Pat Bolibrzuch, program manager, Global Hawk Office, Reconnaissance Systems Program Office at Aeronautical Systems Center. "This will mean weekly flights from now through the end of June this year, to support the joint-service, military utility assessment phase of the program."

"During the March 11 test flight at Wright-Patterson, a wing rake test was performed to measure and record the wing pressure field in flight," said Bolibrzuch. "Using computational fluid dynamics, our engineers are now analyzing the recorded pressure field data and comparing it with predicted values."

This deployment will really challenge Global Hawk's ability to deliver long-endurance reconnaissance across a large area of operations."

When made operational, Global Hawk will be able to fly autonomously at altitudes greater than 60,000 feet and remain on station for 24 hours.

The V-22 Osprey, tested at Kirtland AFB, is being touted as the "future of Air Force Spe-



(Courtesy photo)

The "Future of Air Force Special Operations," the V-22 Osprey, recently arrived at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. to begin operational testing.

cial Operations" for some very good reasons.

The V-22 Osprey, a U.S. Marine Corps version of the Air Force CV-22, was operationally tested March 18. The CV-22, is tentatively scheduled to undergo operational testing in 2002. The main difference between the Marine and Air Force version of the aircraft will be the avionics package.

According to Maj. Joe Maguire, 58th Special Operations Wing CV-22 Project Officer, there are many advantages to this new aircraft. "The design of this aircraft gives users the speed of an airplane with the ability to hover like a helicopter," said Maguire. Other CV-22 capabilities include air refueling, terrain following, formation flying, fast rope capabilities and water

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Photo by George Rolhoffer

The Global Hawk flies over Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. as part of its operations testing.



## The *XL*er

**Hometown:** Horseheads, N.Y.

**Family:** Wife, Leana.

**Time at Laughlin:** 1 year.

**Time in service:** 9 years.

**Why did you join the Air Force family?**

To fly fighters.

**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:**

Build T-38 briefing rooms. This would enable me to debrief my students the same way it will be done in their gaining squadrons.

**Greatest accomplishment:** Meeting my wife.

**Long-term goals:** Completing 1000 instructor pilot hours this tour.

**Hobbies:** Cycling and running.

**Favorite food:** Pasta.

**Favorite beverage:** Bavarian "Weiss" beer.

**Bad habit:** Too much coffee.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

**Capt. Jeff Long**  
87th Flying Training Squadron

fee.

**If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why?**

Abraham Lincoln. He overcame many setbacks to achieve what he did and I bet he'd have useful words on perseverance.

## Where are they now?

**Name:** Capt. Christopher R. Torres.

**Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin:** Class 97-10, June 97.

**Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at:** T-38, Columbus AFB. **Mission of your aircraft?** Trainer.

**What do you like most about your current aircraft?** It's a fun aircraft to fly, and the flying hours are great.

**What do you dislike most about your current aircraft?** Weather and

range limitations.

**What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly?** Learn to appreciate where you are stationed at because it could be worse.

**What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin?** It would have something to do with Lake Amistad or Acuna, but after two years there, it all just blended together.

**What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin?** It's tough. Don't give up, put in your all.



# Obesity problem among children becomes growing concern

By Staff Sgt.  
Jennifer Ruiz

*Health and Wellness Center*

Today, excessive weight is the most common nutritional disease among children and teens in the country, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

We as parents, caregivers and overall “protectors” of this country’s children, need a better understanding of why children are overweight. Without proper intervention from us, the number of children facing this problem will continue to grow.

Ask yourself these questions about your child or children you care for:

- Does weight interfere with the child’s physical and social activities?
- Does the child wear loose clothing to cover up his or her size?
- Does the child get short of breath when exercising?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, ask a pediatrician to see if your child’s weight is in the healthy or unhealthy range.

Overweight children may be at risk for many health conditions such as type II diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, sleep apnea, bone and joint problems and increased cholesterol. If a child is overweight at age 12, he has a 75 percent chance of being an overweight adult.

Besides the physical risks, many overweight children receive a surprising amount of social discrimination, which may become a vicious cycle.

According to Dr. Michael Rich, an attending physician at Children’s Hospital in Boston, “when a child is ostracized by his peers, he’s not going to have a lot of incentive to run around and play sports with them.

That kind of child is more likely to stay home and watch television. The lack of acceptance from peers may cause an overweight child to seek comfort from food. Hence, the vicious cycle.”

The current generation of children is the most sedentary in this country’s history. Children who watch the most TV have been shown in study after study to have more body fat than children who watch fewer hours of TV per day.

Not only do TV watching kids burn fewer calories, the food messages kids receive from the media are not necessarily healthy ones.

A recent study found that 80

percent of food commercials on TV during a 12-hour period were for sweetened breakfast cereals and salty snacks. Add in all the commercials for fast food restaurants and it’s no wonder that we have so many overweight children in the United States today.

Here are some do’s and don’ts for managing a child’s weight:

## Do:

Say no to fad diets. Children have specific nutritional needs. Limiting what your child eats can interfere with healthy growth and development.

Encourage children to eat slowly. This makes it easier for children to recognize when

they’re full.

Eat meals as a family. Whenever possible, have a sit down dinner with the whole family (whoever that consists of). Use this time to enjoy your meal and learn about your child’s day.

Snack. Planned portion controlled, low-fat snacks can help keep kids satisfied between meals and help prevent binge

eating.

Get to know the school menu. Be aware of what’s served at school or pack a nutritious lunch for your child.

## Don’t:

Follow the “clean your plate” rule. Honor your child’s ability to determine when he or she is finished eating.

Forget breakfast. Studies confirm that children do better in school when they start the day with breakfast.

Eat fast food more than once a week. Fast food should not be forbidden, but viewed as an occasional treat.

Stigmatize food. Instead of eliminating treats like cookies and candies, make sure everyone in the family enjoys them in moderation.

Make TV your meal companion. Designate specific tables for eating like the kitchen or dining room table, not the TV room.

Use food as a punishment or reward. Parents send the wrong message about food when they use treats like candy to reward achievement or withhold them as punishment.

Remember that food is fuel for the body. We should eat to live, not live to eat.

For more information or an individual appointment for you or a family member, please call the Health and Wellness Center at 298-6464.



## Double your intake.

If you aren’t looking at the United States Air Force Online News Wednesday, you aren’t getting all of the news.

After you read this paper, check out your other newspaper at:

**[http://  
www.af.mil/  
newspaper](http://www.af.mil/newspaper)**

## 47th Medical Group

### Learning to combat cold symptoms

#### Dr. Dave McHorney

47th Medical Group

Most children get six colds a year. Children in daycare can get even more. A common cold is a viral infection of the nose and throat. Colds are usually associated with a runny or stuffy nose, mild fever, and a sore throat. Cough, hoarseness, red eyes, and swollen lymph nodes in the neck may also be present.

Cold viruses are spread by direct skin contact and by coughing and sneezing. Washing hands frequently and avoiding close contact with somebody that has a cold are the best ways to protect yourself.

With a typical cold, fever lasts three or five days, nasal symptoms seven to ten days and cough up to two weeks.

There are many over-the-counter cold medicines you can buy and these may help to make your child's symptoms less bothersome. However, no medicine can shorten the course of a cold and, unfortunately, antibiotics don't help. Acetaminophen or ibuprofen will help reduce fever or aches. Aspirin is not recommended for children with viral illnesses.

Call the Pediatric or Family Practice Clinic if your child's symptoms last longer than indicated above, if he or she has an earache, yellow eye discharge, high fevers (greater than 102.5 F), or develops signs of labored breathing. Children less than 3 months of age with any fever greater than 100.4 rectal should be seen in the clinic.

## From the Blotter

(47th Security Forces Squadron)



**March 10** – An individual called 911 and related the smelled of gas emitting from his furnace. Fire Department responded and terminated the incident.

**March 11** – Three illegal aliens were detained at the main gate and released to Border Patrol for processing and deportation.

**March 12** – One illegal alien was detained at the main gate and released to Border Patrol for processing and deportation.

**March 13** – A civilian assigned to the 87 FTS rear-ended another civilian assigned to the 47 CES while entering the installation.

The driver at fault was cited for operating a vehicle without a driver's license and not maintaining proper clearance.

**March 13** – An airman assigned to the 86 FTS telephoned security forces and related an unknown vehicle struck her vehicle while it was parked in a parking lot adjacent to Second Street. If you have any information please call the desk at 298-5100.

**Safety Tip of the Day:** If you receive a letter or parcel that does not have a return address do not accept it!

*EMERGENCY CALL 911, NON EMERGENCY CALL 5100*

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compliance requirements. "During last year's ECAMP, the base water tank was identified as being noncompliant," said Fannesbeck. "The finding led to \$185,000 in environmental money to fix it."

The ECAMP team has 14 base people from different organizations who actually go out and inspect 13 separate areas of environmental compliance.

Fannesbeck credits education as the primary reason for increased environmental awareness among Air Force personnel and Americans in general. He also stressed how doing little things goes a long way towards protecting the environment.

"We provide training on base, send people to seminars and key leaders meet quarterly to discuss

environmental issues," Fannesbeck said. "Our whole society is becoming more informed. It's become a key topic of discussion in presidential campaigns.

"People in work centers need to use hazardous materials properly and report spills," he continued. "We should also recycle plastic, glass and aluminum and turn in used antifreeze and oil to the auto skills center."

Amnesty Day gives people on base an opportunity to turn in unused portions of hazardous materials downtown, usually in conjunction with Earth Day, noted the lieutenant. Our environmental section will get rid of unused government items.

"The ECAMP goal is not to assess blame, but get to the root and fix problems," concluded Fannesbeck.



## Question of the week Who will compete in the NCAA Final Four? Who will win it all?



"Duke, Tennessee, Michigan State and LSU. I think Tennessee will put them all to sleep. The SEC is overdue for a crowning."

**Master Sgt.  
Clarence Hardy**  
47th Flying Training Wing



"I pick Duke, Iowa State, Michigan State and Gonzaga. I think Duke is going to take the tournament. I don't like Duke, I just watch them play. Based on what I have seen, it seems that they have what it takes to win."

**Airman 1st Class  
Brent M. Comstock**  
47th Operations Support Squadron



"UCLA, Seton Hall, Miami and Gonzaga will all make it. I pick UCLA to take it all, baby!"

**Senior Airman  
Jose Rodriguez**  
47 OSS



"Michigan State because they have size and a great back court; Louisiana State because they are an athletic, energetic and talented team; Duke because of its talent and coaching; Miami because they are playing great team basketball and probably have the easiest path to the Final Four. Michigan State will win it all!"

**Staff Sgt. John Fastinger**  
XL Fitness Center

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at a premium. However, this action created animosity among those who wanted all pilots to be officers. As a consequence, most active duty enlisted pilots were ordered to extended duty as reserve officers. Enlisted pilots were a dying breed, and in November 1942, the U.S. Army Air Forces concluded that upon graduation, enlisted aviation ca-

dets would be promoted to the rank of flight officer, a new rank equivalent to warrant officer. In early 1943, the Army Air Forces ordered its commanders to promote all their flying sergeants to the new rank.

These men persevered through two world wars enduring bureaucratic discrimination while facing the hazards and dangers of flight. Their selfless

acts and outstanding conduct are worth attention; out of their ranks came 17 “aces,” 11 generals, and more than 155 men killed in action.

Arbon provides a fascinating account of this proud group of aviators, and his book is a “must read” for all Air Force members interested in exploring their heritage.

(Courtesy AFPN)

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operations. The CV-22 will have a four-person crew, consisting of two pilots and two flight engineers.

“The benefits to having an aircraft like this in the Air Force inventory are numerous,” added Maguire.

“The CV-22 will be able to fly into a location, hover until the special team or load has been released and get out of the area

quickly.”

The aircraft will also have the ability to fly at speeds in excess of 250 knots, and has the capability to convert from rotary-wing to fixed-wing flight rapidly, according to Maguire.

This unique capability increases survivability and gives the V-22 greater range and speed than conventional helicopters, he added.

The CV-22 is being proposed to eventually replace the MH-53s and some MC-130s in the Air Force inventory, and the 58 SOW is scheduled to be the home of the first squadron of CV-22s. Construction of the simulator facilities is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2001 and be complete in 2002, while the first aircraft and students could arrive as early as 2003.

(Courtesy AFPN)

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fitting this particular memorial be erected (on Arlington Ridge) close to Arlington National Cemetery and to Ft. Myer, (Va.) the location of the first military flight, and close to the resting place of the first military aviation casualty.

“However, this memorial is not just about sacrifice, it is also about success,” he said. “It’s about people who showed great courage in combat and who performed their mission with determination. It is about those airmen who served and continue to proudly serve their country today and in the future.”

The Air Force would not be the premier aerospace force in the world without its quality people, DiBattiste said.

The memorial, scheduled for completion in 2002, is an abstract sculpture based on the Air Force star and designed to evoke the idea of air and space to embrace and include all airmen, said Chuck Link, Air Force Memorial Foundation president.

Located at the heart of the memorial is the Earth projection experience showcasing Air Force technology. From that vantage point, visitors will be able to gaze down at a large format screen displaying a satellite image of the Earth. Periodically, the image will transition to pre-produced footage of aerial “fly-bys” above a particular location around the world.



# Knowledge, skills can reduce child abuse

**Master Sgt. Sean Hayes**  
*47th Medical Group*

Approximately three million children are reported abused and neglected each year in the U.S. In 1997, three children died each day as a result of maltreatment in the U.S.

The need for community support is imperative to combat the problem of abuse and neglect. The quality of life for children requires a willingness to take action.

Because of the concern for children and their families, the month of April is being celebrated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child.

There are four major categories of child abuse: physical, sexual, emotional and neglect. Child abuse is any behavior that endangers or impairs a child’s physical or emotional health and development. The reasons for abuse are many, but the factor that continues to be dominant in abuse is a lack of parenting preparation and skills.

People are not born good parents. Successful parenting is something that must be learned. Maltreatment is often the result of a lack of understanding about how to discipline children and what are

“age appropriate” expectations. This misunderstanding leads to confusion in stressful situations.

The connection between substance abuse and child abuse has strengthened over the years. Parental abuse of alcohol and other drugs has been identified as a major factor contributing to child maltreatment and death. It is estimated that nearly 10 million children under age 18 are negatively affected by the substance abuse of their parents.

Acknowledging that abuse and neglect is a problem is the first step to preventing it. The second step is actively

helping parents get help with the issues that affect parenting. If abuse is to be reduced, communities must support its members in gaining the education and training on parenting issues. The focus must not be on placing blame but on finding solutions.

If you know of a parent who is having a difficult time with a child, encourage them to join a parenting skills class where he or she can learn the new skills necessary for parenting.

For more information on parenting classes, contact the Family Advocacy office at 298-6422.

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## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

- Daily Mass** 12:05 p.m.
- Saturday Mass** 5 p.m.
- Sunday Mass** 9:30 a.m.
- Confession** 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment.
- Choir** 6 p.m. Thursdays.
- Sunday school** 11 a.m., religious education building.

### Protestant

- General worship 11 a.m.
- Bible study video luncheon 11 a.m. Thursday, chapel fellow-

ship hall.  
-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., religious education building.

-Awana, Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
*(For more information on AWANA, call Mike or Karen Silver at 298-3247).*

### Jewish

– Max Stool  
219 West Strickland St.  
Del Rio, Texas  
Phone: 775-4519

### Walk-in Counseling

Monday	2 - 4 p.m.
Tuesday	2 - 3 p.m.
Wednesday	10 - 11 a.m.
Thursday	9 - 10 a.m.
Friday	1 - 3 p.m.

the Oasis Room at 4975 during the hours listed above.

***For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.***

# Cohens seek celebrities’ help to appreciate U.S. servicemembers

By Linda Kozaryn

American Force Press Service

Over the past three years, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and his wife, Janet Langhart Cohen, have come to truly admire and appreciate the nation’s military. They now want the nation to do the same.

“Our men and women in uniform need more than support from Washington, they need the support of their countrymen,” the secretary said.

The couple has launched a personal campaign to reconnect America with the military men and women, active and reserve who are the core of our nation’s safety and security.

The all-volunteer total force deserves recognition and must have the public’s understanding and support if America is to meet its security objectives, according to the Cohens. Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen need to know the public, as well as their military leaders, care about them and their families.

“We have to constantly make sure that the American people are mindful of the role the military is playing in our lives,” Cohen said in a recent interview with the American Forces Press Service. “I can’t tell you how important it is to remind them how grateful we are.”

Military people “aren’t in it for the money,” but servicemembers and their families do deserve a decent quality of life, the Cohens said. This means having enough people to do the job and providing them the right training and equipment. It also means ensuring service members have decent pay, quality housing and health care, and a good education for their children.

Recent efforts to improve servicemembers’ quality of life have included the largest pay increase in nearly two decades, pay table reform and a return to the 50

percent retirement benefit. Efforts are underway to improve health care and housing. A recent initiative aims to reduce servicemembers’ out-of-pocket housing costs.

The Cohens have met guardsmen and reservists who have left jobs and families time and again to travel to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Turkey. They’ve talked with those who fly the skies over Iraq and those who patrol the villages of Bosnia and Kosovo.

“The most rewarding experience for me always is to go out and visit our troops,” Cohen recently told about 250 Chamber of Commerce members in San Antonio, Texas. “It is the most exhilarating, the most inspiring experience that one can have. If you go out there and see how good they are, then you understand why we’re No. 1 and why people always look to us as the country they want to call upon in times of peace and in times of emergency.”

Cohen has directed DoD and the services to increase outreach efforts to the American public. Those who choose to wear the fatigues and flight suits play an important role in influencing how the public views the military, according to the Cohens. Therefore, it’s important for servicemembers, past and present, to understand that what they do is important to America.

The couple is recruiting celebrities to help spread the word. Terry Bradshaw, Mike Singletary, Christie Brinkley, Al Franken and singers Mary Chapin Carpen-

ter and Ruth Pointer have joined the Cohen’s effort. Janet said the troops are grateful to anyone who will come out to see them. “Most of us, whether we’re the CEO of a corporation or an Army paratrooper, just want somebody to pat us on the back once in awhile and say, ‘Thank you. Job well done.’ If you can have people of prominence express their gratitude — just say ‘Hey, you’re doing a great job for us. Thank you. That means a lot.’”

Some columnists and journalists have criticized the Cohens’ effort, saying using Hollywood celebrities is not the way to go. The Cohens, however, say sports and entertainment stars pack a lot of influence with today’s young people.

Stars influence young people, Janet said. “If they see someone like Tom Cruise saying, ‘I can do what I do be-

cause you’re doing what you’re doing,’ the kids that we are recruiting will say, ‘Gee, he thinks that’s a great job. I want to be part of that.’”

The Cohens’ campaign to reconnect America with the military will not end when the secretary leaves office, Janet said. “Once you’re military, you’re always military. It’s life-altering. When we leave this job, we won’t stop serving our country, or the men and women who serve our country. When we see a servicemember on the street, we can say, thank you. We know first-hand what you do.”

(Courtesy AFPN)

## Telecommunications Monitoring and Assessment Program certification helps spread word of computer security, propriety

By Frederick S. Ervin

47th Communications Squadron

As many of may have noticed this past month we are in the final stages of our biennial Telecommunications Monitoring and Assessment Program certification process.

Some of you have had your unit Security Awareness Training and Education monitor ask you to power-down your computer so that he could verify you had a warning banner displayed when you powered back up.

You have probably seen your SATE monitor inspect your telephone to ensure that it had a DoD Form 2056 (the bright red warning label placed on government owned phones informing the caller that use of that phones constitutes consent to monitoring).

The purpose of monitoring communications is to determine if unsecured systems have been used to transmit sensitive or classified information (frequently this is done accidentally or via

careless work habits). Elements of the Air Intelligence Agency, are the only USAF organizations authorized to conduct TMAP activity collect the data. The AIA is tasked to verify that collected data is for legitimate Air Force Operations Security needs and at the same time make sure they protect the privacy, legal rights and civil liberties of those persons whose communications were monitored.

The collected data can then be used in two ways. The first as a near-real time protection tool. Secondly it can be collected, analyzed, and stored in a data base to determine long-term security liabilities. Although considered a wartime tool, Air

Force commander’s have found it to be extremely valuable in determining their units security vulnerabilities.

The biennial certification is the legal verification that this has indeed been performed to ensure that any individual that uses an

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unsecured telecommunications device has been adequately informed of the program. Each SATE monitor does a physical verification that his unit is in complete compliance with the program, and this with other Information Assurance Office documentation of activities that transpired over a two year period is then forwarded through the legal chain of command up

to Headquarters Department of the United States Air Force where legal experts will examine all supporting documentation from each base and make a determination whether that installation has met all of the prescribed criteria.

To help, start looking around at government owned telephones in your work area. Do they have the red DoD Form 2056 visible? This DOES NOT include telephones in base housing; or coin operated telephones. Privately owned devices are not subject to monitoring.

Check other government owned communication equipment that you use to include computers, hand-held radios, cellular telephones, facsimile machines and palm computers. In the event that you spot some discrepancies notify your SATE monitor, or call 4271.

Sport  
Shorts

3-Point Shoot Out

A 3-Point Shoot Out was held at the XL Fitness Center Saturday. Maj. Dallas Newsome, 47th Mission Support Squadron, won the Shoot Out with 26 points. Ryan Dobbins finished in second and Juan Kheyri and Alvarado McKinney tied for third place.

Dart Tournament

A double elimination dart tournament was held at Club Amisted March 16. The format was a blind-draw doubles tournament with players having to win two games per match.

The championship game pitted R.B. Robinson and Thomas Cooper against Manny Topete and J.T. Thomas.

Robinson and Cooper won the championship with two games.

CE falls to CONS/SVS 61-43 in intramural basketball game; loses undefeated status

By Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff  
Public Affairs

CONS/SVS stopped CES's unbeaten streak at 6 games with an impressive 61-43 victory during intramural basketball play at the XL Fitness Center Monday.

Each team defended well early as only 8 total points were scored during the first 7 minutes, with CONS/SVS leading 6-2. CONS/SVS's slow-down, style, orchestrated by swingman, Michael "Silk" McNeil, seemed to frustrate the usually high-scoring, defending champions, as CES got behind early and never threatened the take the lead.

Good inside play by CONS/SVS's center, Tony Mathis, was key early. He controlled the inside, dominating the boards on both ends of the floor and scoring on several easy layups. CES found themselves trailing at the half for the first time this season by a score of 30-12.

CES showed their champion's heart by scoring five unanswered points, four by Chris Taylor, one of the base's premier players, who had returned to the game following an injury in the first half. However, the 11-point deficit would be as close as CES got.

With 7 minutes left in the game, CONS/SVS had increased its lead to 43-25. Nathan Russell of CONS/SVS scored 7 points on long assists from McNeil and Mattis during that stretch, as CES started to shot long range shots and gamble on defense. CES went down fighting behind Ennis Fowler, who had a 7-point scoring run of his own as time expired.

Mattis lead all scorers with 20 points. Fowler scored a team-high 13 for CE. The win brought CONS/SVS's record 6-3, while CE fell to 6-1.



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Nathan Russell, CONS/SVS, hits a lay up late in the game to help secure the lead over CE. Russell scored 14 total points in the game.

Intramural  
basketball  
standings

Eastern conference

Teams	W	L
CES	6	1
87 FTS	5	3
LCSAM	6	2
SFS	3	5
OSS	2	7

Western conference

Teams	W	L
MDG	7	2
CS/SVS	6	3
86 FTS	5	3
MSS	1	7
OSS II	0	8

Bowling standings

OSS	131	51
CES	117	65
SFS	101	81
SVS	96	86
Boeing	91	91
Med Gp	90	91
FTW	89	93
MSS	74	108
CDC	65	118
CS	57	125

## Chiefs vs. Eagles

The Laughlin Chiefs will lock talons with the Laughlin Eagles in a no-spikes-barred volleyball match at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the XL Fitness Center.

The competition will be sponsored by the base first sergeant council, supporting operation jingle.

For more information about the event or operation jingle, contact Master Sgt. James Donnett at 6373 or Chief Master Sgt. Doug Baskin at 5736.

## Observance luncheon

There will be a Women's History Month Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Club XL. The menu is lasagna or chicken caesar salad.

For tickets, call Susie Weber at 5647.

## Legion meeting

The Del Rio/Laughlin American Legion Post 298 will have their regular meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at "The Barn" across from Laughlin's Main Gate. Members are asked to bring this year's dues. Discussion will cover this year's activities and more.

Anyone interested in veteran and military affairs and benefits is invited to attend. Active duty military in honorable status are eligible for membership.

For more information contact Murry Kachel at 298-2097 or visit our web site:

<http://www.delrio.com/~mkachel/al/index.htm>

## Energy slogan

"Water you doing to save energy today?"

That was the winning entry to the energy slogan contest, submitted by Senior Airman David Reeves, 47th Comptroller Flight.

The slogan is the base's theme for Energy Awareness Month (April). There will be more contests and activities during the coming month.

## Scholarships available

The Officer Spouses Club is offering both academic and vocational scholarships to graduating seniors in the Del Rio, Comstock and Bracketville communities. For specific guidelines, eligibility and applications forms, see your high school counselor.

The OSC is also offering scholarships to active duty members E-4 and below and all spouses. Contact the Base Education Office at 298-5545 for eligibility, guidelines, and applications forms. The deadline for all applications is April 14.

For more information, call Camisha Dickinson, scholarship chairman, at 298-2815.

## Parent University

HUGS, Family Advocacy, Family Support Center, Health and Wellness Center, Chapel, Life Skills Clinic and Family Member Support Flight are sponsoring Parent University 2000 at Ruben Chavira Elementary School 5:30-8:30 p.m. April 3-4. Instruction will be given



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## Green-thumbed teens

Denise Booth, Earl Jones, Jr. and Khayri McKinney (from left to right) get a head start on Earth Month (April), by planting trees at the Teen Center March 17. Earth friendliness one of the many positive values the Teen Center staff teaches base youth. The trio were joined by several other Teen Center members.

in English and Spanish. There will be free food, door prizes and children's activities.

For more information, call 298-6422.

## Blood drive

The South Texas Blood and Tissue Center in conjunction with the local Red Cross will conduct a blood and bone marrow drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 31 at the Fiesta Center.

There is a critical need for minority donors. Anyone 17 years or older, weighing at least 110 pounds and in good health may donate blood. Bone marrow donors, must be between 18-60 years old. A small amount of blood is taken from potential marrow donors. If there is a preliminary blood match with a patient, the donor is contacted for more testing to determine if the two are an exact match.

For more information, call Jane Pratt at 775-8626.

## Fellowship meeting

Men of Integrity gather on the first Saturday of each month at Luby's Restaurant from 8-9:30 a.m. The next meeting is April 1. Men of Integrity is a local Christian outreach for men of all races, denominations, ages and cultures. The cost for breakfast is \$5.

For more information, Joe Macklin at 774-0633, or

Rick Dalton at 775-1792.

## Extension course

Effective June 1, active duty Air Force personnel will no longer be authorized to enroll in Extension Course Institute Course 8.

Calendar Year 2000 master sergeant selects are not eligible to enroll in Course 8; however, active duty members currently enrolled will be able to complete the course but will not be able to re-enroll. Any requests for extensions for this group will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The change is phase one of a two-phase plan to totally eliminate the paper-based course. Course 5, the Senior NCO Academy Multimedia Course, replaces course eight. Phase two is scheduled for Oct. 1 and will curtail all new enrollments in Course 8.

For more information, call Eddie Adams at 4726.

## New hours

The Commissary now opens at 7 a.m. Tuesday through Friday for early shopping. There is a 15 item limit during early hours.

For more information, call Pete Flores at 5822.

## Leaving service

Air Force personnel wanting to separate early from active duty service may qualify to separate through the Palace Chase program. Remaining active duty service commitment or term of enlistment may be waived, for approved applicants, if a member agrees to participate in the Air Force Reserve.

Airmen with less than 180 days until separation may also separate while retaining some benefits, including retirement.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Marc Schachle at DSN 473-3860.

## Membership drive

A meeting of the Laughlin Noncommissioned Officers Association and Professional Military Education's Graduates Association is scheduled for 11 a.m. today in the chemical warfare defense classroom, building 60. The meeting is open to all active duty, reserve, guard and retired personnel. This is an opportunity to get involved with organizations that benefit the base and local communities. Lunch will be free, courtesy the NCOA.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Chris Clauser at 5441.

## Health care meeting

The Health Consumers Advisory Council is a forum for exchanging information between the providers and consumers of health care at Laughlin. Representatives from base organizations, people from the retired population and members of the clinic executive committee meet on base once a quarter. The next meeting of the council will be 1 p.m. April 7 in the wing conference room. This gives people an opportunity to express their satisfaction or concerns with medical care here.

For additional information or to RSVP, call Mina Rodriguez at extension 6311.